

Members were recognized for "morning hour" debates.

¶116.2 RECESS—10:42 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m., until 12 o'clock noon.

¶116.3 AFTER RECESS—12:00 NOON

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, called the House to order.

¶116.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, September 14, 1995.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶116.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

1433. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification to the Congress of additional program proposals for purposes of Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund [NDF] activities, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5858; to the Committee on Appropriations.

1434. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of September 1, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 104-115); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1435. A letter from the Director (Test, Systems Engineering & Evaluation), Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate funds for fiscal year 1996 Foreign Comparative Testing [FCT] Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350a(g); to the Committee on National Security.

1436. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a copy of the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827(a); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1437. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement [OERI]—Evaluation of Applications and Proposals for Contracts, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

1438. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect's report on efforts to bring about coordination of goals, objectives, and activities of agencies and organizations which have responsibilities for programs related to child abuse and neglect for fiscal years 1991-92, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5106f; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

1439. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-39), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1440. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting a report to Congress on the program recommendations of the Karachi Accountability Review Board, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 4834(d)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

1441. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Federal Housing Administration's [FHA] annual management report for the fiscal year 1994, pursuant to Public Law 101-576, Section 306(a) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1442. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's response to OMB's request for information regarding agency operations in the absence of appropriations, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1443. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Department of Veterans Affairs Improvement and Re-invention Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1444. Secretary of Energy, transmitting a copy of the Energy Efficiency Commercialization Ventures Program plan, pursuant to Public Law 103-138, title II (107 Stat. 1407); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Commerce.

1445. Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President intends to exercise his authority under section 610(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act in order to authorize the furnishing of \$2.8 million to El Salvador, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2411; jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1446. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

¶116.6 DISTRICT COURT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Mr. MOORHEAD moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 464) to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CLINGER, recognized Mr. MOORHEAD and Mr. SCOTT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CLINGER, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶116.7 RULES GOVERNING VENUE

Mr. MOORHEAD moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 532) to clarify the rules governing venue, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CLINGER, recognized Mr. MOORHEAD and Mr. SCOTT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CLINGER, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶116.8 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶116.9 SRI LANKA PEACE PROCESS

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 181):

Whereas, the United States has enjoyed a long and cordial friendship with Sri Lanka;

Whereas as one manifestation of the warm ties between the United States and Sri Lanka, the First Lady of the United States visited Sri Lanka in April 1995;

Whereas Sri Lanka is a vibrant democracy whose government is committed to political pluralism, free market economics, and a respect for human rights;

Whereas the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam ("LTTE") have waged a protracted secessionist struggle in Sri Lanka for nearly 12 years;

Whereas an estimated 30,000 people have died in Sri Lanka as a result of these hostilities;

Whereas the Department of State's report on global terrorism names the LTTE as a major terrorist organization;

Whereas the LTTE is widely believed to have engaged in political assassinations, including the murder in 1994 of a leading candidate for the Sri Lankan presidency, and the killing in 1993 of President Ranasinghe Premadasa;

Whereas the government of President Kumaratunga initiated a dialogue with the LTTE in 1994, and took a number of other steps to ease tensions and set the stage for negotiations between the government and the LTTE, including lifting the ban on the transit of many commodities to Jaffna;

Whereas a cessation of hostilities in Sri Lanka went into effect on January 8, 1995;

Whereas 4 rounds of peace talks between the government and the LTTE took place; and

Whereas in April 1995, the LTTE withdrew from these negotiations and resumed military operations against the Government of Sri Lanka that have resulted in hundreds of casualties, including many innocent civilians: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) notes with great satisfaction the warm and friendly relations that exist between the United States and Sri Lanka;

(2) applauds the commitment to democracy demonstrated by the Sri Lankan people, in defiance of brutal acts of wanton terrorism;